

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-42 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 4 are the independent claims.

Claims 1-42 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as allegedly being unpatentable over Claims 1-7, 10-12, 15-20, 37, 38 and 42-46 of copending Application No. 09/942,579, and over Claims 8-20, 22, 26, 27, 31-34 and 36-38 of copending Application No. 09/871,627. The Examiner explained in a telephone call that in her view, the present invention is obvious in view of the claimed ink sets of Appln. Nos. 09/942,579 and 09/871,627, but the ink sets of those two applications, which contain multiple inks, are not obvious in view of the claims of the present invention.

The claims in the two cited applications have not yet been patented. Since the only rejections in the present application are provisional rejections, the rejections should be withdrawn and the present application should proceed to issuance. See MPEP § 804 I.B.

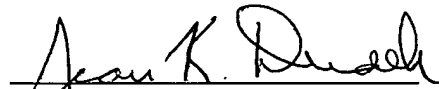
Regarding copending Application No. 09/942,579, it is expected that the independent claims of that application will be amended.

Applicants submit that the present invention defines patentable subject matter and is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the provisional double patenting rejections and early passage to issue.

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